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REGULATING BACKGROUND TASKS USING
PERFORMANCE MEASUREMENTS

EXAMINER: D. Nguyen
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Amendment

Commissioner for Patents
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is a response to the Office action dated December 12, 2003 (hereinafter "the Office action"). Please consider the following amendments and appended remarks, which applicants submit places the case in condition for allowance.